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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
From: SAC, OMAHA (100-6862) (RUC)  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Omaha airtel to the Bureau 4/29/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM captioned as above. Two copies of the LHM are furnished to Atlanta and one copy is furnished to Springfield for information.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On April 23, 1965, Reverend Marvin A. Mottet, Chaplain, Catholic Interracial Council (CIC), Davenport, Iowa, advised as follows:

Dr. Martin Luther King will arrive at the Quad-City Airport, Moline, Illinois, at 4:00 p.m. April 28, 1965, and Father Mottet will meet him at the airport. They will then travel to the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, where a suite has been reserved for Dr. King.

At 6:00 p.m. a press conference is scheduled for Dr. King at the Masonic Temple, Seventh and Brady Streets, Davenport, Iowa. The banquet honoring Dr. King will begin at 7:00 p.m., and Dr. King is expected to remain at the Masonic Temple until about 10:00 or 10:30 p.m.

Dr. King will spend the night at the Blackhawk Hotel and leave the Quad-City area for Chicago, Illinois, aboard a United Airlines plane at 6:45 p.m. April 29, 1965.

Only one person, a Reverend Lee, will accompany Dr. King to Davenport, Iowa. Davenport police and the Scott County Sheriff's Office have been furnished information regarding Dr. King's itinerary by Father Mottet.

On April 26, 1965, [REDACTED] Police Department, Davenport, Iowa, advised the Chief of Police issued orders through the mayor to have several police officers in plain clothes and in uniform in the Blackhawk Hotel and at the Masonic Temple during the entire period Dr. King is in the Davenport area. *b7(c)*

[REDACTED] advised Dr. King is scheduled to arrive at the Quad-Cities Airport, Moline, Illinois, at 4:00 p.m. April 28, 1965, and then travel by car to the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, where he will stay overnight. [REDACTED] *b7(c)*

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Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

said King is scheduled to appear at the Masonic Temple for a press conference at 6:00 p.m. and will then attend the banquet in his honor at the Masonic Temple at 7:00 p.m.

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a suite and an adjoining room at the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa, have been reserved for Dr. King and an aide, Reverend Bernard Lee, for the night of April 28-29, 1965.

[REDACTED] advised Dr. King and Lee did not stay at the Blackhawk Hotel overnight. [REDACTED] b7(D)  
indicated William A. Hewitt, Chairman of Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois, was flying to Chicago in a company plane on the night of April 28, 1965, and took King and Lee with him to Chicago.

[REDACTED] b(1)  
King and Lee did not stay in Davenport, Iowa, overnight. The source advised a last minute change occurred as William A. Hewitt, Chairman of Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois, who also received an award from CIC at the dinner honoring King, was flying to Chicago in a company plane after the banquet and asked King and Lee to fly to Chicago with him in the Deere and Company plane.

This source advised that about 800 persons attended the CIC dinner for King at the Masonic Temple on April 28, 1965. The source said King was one of four persons honored at the dinner with the others receiving specially created merit awards and identified as: William A. Hewitt, mentioned above; Miss Carole Gross, formerly of Davenport and now a New York City social worker; and John Volton, former president of the Quad-City Federation of Labor, now of Detroit.

The source advised Davenport radio station KSTT carried a live broadcast of King's speech after the banquet on the night of April 28, 1965. The source advised King called for passage of the civil rights bill presently before Congress, said a massive action program must be developed to make justice a reality, and urged all Americans to participate in activities to end segregation.

The source advised King was presented about \$2,500.00 during the evening, of which \$1,000.00 was his fee; \$1,250.00

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came from proceeds of dinner ticket sales at \$10.00 per person to be used in King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and \$250.00 was collected in various activities sponsored by the Quad-City Students for Racial Equality.

This source advised King's departure from Davenport on the night of April 28, 1965, was strictly the result of Hewitt's furnishing the transportation to Chicago, from which place he could make earlier air connections to Atlanta, Georgia. The source advised King originally planned to stay in Davenport overnight because of lack of commercial air transportation from the Quad-Cities area until early on the morning of April 29, 1965.

This memorandum contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10392)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Re Omaha letter to Bureau dated 4-7-65  
and Atlanta airtels to Bureau dated 4-15-65 and 4-19-65.

[REDACTED] advised  
KING arrived on schedule at airport, Moline, Illinois,  
via Ozark Airlines, at approximately 4:00 p.m., 4-28-65,  
and proceeded immediately with Illinois State Police  
escort by car to Davenport, Iowa, without incident.

SA [REDACTED] SRA, Davenport, Iowa,  
telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] SRA, Rock  
Island, Illinois, that KING did not stay at Davenport,  
Iowa, night of 4-28-65, but instead accepted a ride after  
his speaking engagement to Chicago, Illinois, in the  
private plane of Deere and Company, with WILLIAM A. HEWITT,  
Chairman of the Board of Deere and Company.

Detailed letterhead memorandum being  
submitted by Omaha.

Springfield has no information not more  
fully available to Omaha.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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## Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: April 28, 1965

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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DATE 12/12/80 BY SP4 JOM/L

Pages 8307-8315. Congressman Dickinson, (R) Alabama, spoke concerning the immoral conduct of certain participants of the civil rights demonstrations in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, and during the march between these two cities. He pointed out that he has in his possession at the present time or under his control 30 sworn affidavits concerning this matter. He included several of the affidavits with his remarks. Mr. Dickinson also commented on the Communist influence in the civil rights movement and activities of Martin Luther King. He stated "one of the best-known people in the world today is 'King' Martin Luther. He can see the President at will and if he has any trouble, the Vice President will get him in. - - - He is privileged

above anyone else. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress I can learn where a nuclear submarine is located, its rocket load, its accuracy, its destructive capability. - - - As a Member of Congress I can get this information. But as a Member of Congress I cannot find out what this Government knows about Martin Luther King. When I asked for a look at the FBI files on 'King' Martin Luther, I got this answer." At this point Dickinson placed in the Record a letter he directed to Mr. Hoover requesting he be sent whatever information the Bureau has concerning King, and Mr. Hoover's reply. Page 8314, Congressman Edwards, (R) Alabama, pointed out that "in connection with the gentleman's comment concerning Communist activities, I should like to present some of my own views on this." He included a column written by Henry J. Taylor entitled "Ghostly Eternal Presence," and an editorial entitled "Americans Should Be Alarmed if Reds Did Plot Voting Law," which appeared in the Mobile (Alabama) Press. Mr. Taylor states in his column "It's astounding, but true, that the Communist Party, U.S.A., actually planned the Johnson administration's Voting Rights Act of 1965."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for April 27, 1965 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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May 4, 1965

Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 26th has been received, and I am glad you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest.

Regarding your request for a copy of the press report, I am sorry I am unable to furnish you with one as this conference was oral in its entirety and notes were taken by those reporters present.

Concerning your question regarding the possible link between communism and campus uprisings, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

It is always encouraging to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing our country and who desire to prepare themselves and others to meet the challenge to our freedoms presented by communism. A broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if the American people are to effectively resist its eroding influence.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find helpful. You may be interested in knowing that there is no charge for any material this Bureau is privileged to distribute.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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U.S. News and World Report, 12-21-64  
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
Time of Testing  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She is obviously referring to the press conference concerning the statements made by the Director concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.

April 26, 1965,

b7(c) Hutchinson, Kansas

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like very much to have a copy of your statement when you called Dr. Martin Luther King "the most notorious liar in the country." I went to show this to our Minister. (I belong to the First Baptist Church.) He says he did not see this in the paper. He does not believe that M. King would ever tell an untruth and thinks he is a wonderful Christian man and goes on and on about all the good he is doing for the negroes. I am fed up to here with all this sort of talk. I feel that this whole civil rights movement is playing right into the hands of the communists, and it makes me sick the way these ministers lend their support.

I have been asked on a few occasions to give a talk on the dangers of communism and I notice any time I quote anything you say, my friends will sit up and take notice and they don't question any remark made by you as long as I have proof you said it. They have a very high regard for you and your opinion. And of course this is true of people all across this great nation of ours.

If you will send me a copy of the statement referred to above and any other material you have that will help wake Americans up to the dangers of communism, I will surely use it and I will appreciate anything you send. Just bill me for what you send and I will be glad to pay for it. I would particularly like something on communism in the churches and also in our schools. Is there a connecting link between communism and the campus uprisings such as there was at Berkeley, Calif.?

Thanking you sincerely, I am

Yours very truly,

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I have a copy of your book "Masters of Deceit" and have used it many times.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/2/65

Attached reports an anonymous telephonic threat on King's life. Local authorities Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta advised. Dissemination being made to Department, Secret Service and intelligence community.

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1045 PM U R G E N T 5-1-65 JTA

TO DIRECTOR /100-106670/, ATLANTA /100-5586/ AND NEW YORK  
/100-136585/

FROM PHILADELPHIA /100-46230/  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C. ~~OOAT~~  
*Philadelphia telephone number*  
RE PH TELCALLS TO NY AND BUREAU TO NY AND BUREAU MAY ONE  
INSTANT.

ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED PHILA. OFFICE NINE FORTY  
THREE P.M., MAY ONE INSTANT "I'M GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, MONDAY". CALLER, WHO SOUNDED AS IF ~~WM~~ <sup>white male</sup>, TWENTY - TWENTYFIVE,  
SEEMINGLY REASONABLY WELL EDUCATED, ABRUPTLY HUNG UP. NO BACKGROUND  
NOISES. ~~Philadelphia Police Department~~ PHPD, NOTIFIED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SM - C  
 OO: Atlanta

Re Los Angeles radiogram dated 4/24/65 to Director and Atlanta.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) suitable for dissemination. 3 copies of the LHM are furnished Atlanta, for information one copy for Mobile as Mobile desired to know the whereabouts of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Los Angeles, California

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 23, 1965, that Martin Luther King, Jr. accompanied by Bernard S. Lee of Atlanta, Georgia, arrived at International Airport, Los Angeles at 8:10 PM on April 23, 1965, via Transworld Airlines flight 65Y and that King and Lee registered in Room 220 at the Hyatt House, near the International Airport, Los Angeles, California.

The "Daily Bruin", a campus newspaper at the University of California, Los Angeles, (UCLA) issue of April 20, 1965, page 1, carried an article stating that "Dr. King accepts speech invitation". The article stated that King will speak to the students at UCLA on Tuesday, April 27, 1965 at noon at an open air meeting on the campus. Following the speech KING will be the guest of honor at a luncheon sponsored by the University Religious Council. The article stated that KING will receive \$2500 for speaking on the campus at UCLA which was provided by the Vice Chancellor's Office, UCLA.

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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 TO DIRECTOR ATLANTA OMAHA  
 FROM ST. LOUIS 281951

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL 28 INSTANT.

KING DEPARTED ST. LOUIS, 2:40 P.M., CDT, VIA OZARK  
 AIRLINES, FLIGHT 710, DUE TO ARRIVE DAVENPORT, IOWA, 4 P.M.  
 DAVENPORT TIME.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (100-6862)(P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau 4/7/65.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., appeared at Masonic Temple, Davenport, Iowa, and received the Pacem In Terris Peace and Freedom Award from Davenport Catholic Interracial Council.

DR. KING accompanied by Reverend BERNARD LEE and made last minute change of plans and departed Davenport area en route to Atlanta, Ga., after banquet terminated on night of 4/28/65. KING and LEE were furnished air transportation from Davenport to Chicago, Illinois, by WILLIAM A. HEWITT, Chairman, John Deere and Company, Moline, Ill., who was traveling to Chicago on night of 4/28/65.

For information of Bureau, Mr. HEWITT was recipient of another award given by CIC at banquet honoring DR. KING.

LHM follows.

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10:10 AM PDT URGENT 4-28-65 MJH  
TO DIRECTOR ATLANTA ST. LOUIS AND OMAHA  
FROM LOS ANGELES 281627

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

KING DEPARTED LOS ANGELES TODAY ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE,  
BERNARD S. LEE, VIA TWA FLIGHT 174Y, 8:40 A.M. PDT, DUE  
TO ARRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO., 1:42 PM, ST. LOUIS TIME. KING  
INDICATED MAY CONTINUE TO ATLANTA INSTEAD OF DAVENPORT,  
IOWA, AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.

ST. LOUIS DETERMINE DESTINATION AND ADVISE BUREAU,  
ATLANTA AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 4/22/65 and Bureau letter  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies and  
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(c) RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

[REDACTED] RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia. (c) b(1)

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Atlanta, Georgia  
April 28, 1965

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF  
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
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Reference Letterhead memorandum dated  
April 28, 1965, at Atlanta,  
Georgia, captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 27, 1965 V

The attached postcard was sent to the  
Director anonymously, postmarked  
at Frederic, Oklahoma.

The following note was typed at the  
bottom of the postcard.

"Edgar, It looks like Martin Lukie  
has what it takes. What is it?"

MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
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J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. Director,  
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Pueblo, Colorado 81005

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Dear [REDACTED]

DATE 12-12-80 BY SP4JRM/LL  
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Your letter of April 21st, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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**Enclosures (5)**

12-21-64 U. S. News and World Report  
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Our Heritage of Greatness  
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Thurs., April 15, 1965

## Public Forum

### Red Takeover

To the Editor:

To complete the takeover of the United States, the Communists must have done away with the middle class, they must have neutralized us into oneworldism, they must have complete government control, they must have amorality, they must have thrown race against race, done away with free enterprise and initiative, and finally they must do away with God.

Taking this step by step, we can see how much further they have to go.

Doing away with the middle class: how many more bankruptcies have been filed since the middle of last year? What happened to the income tax cut we were supposed to get?

Neutralization: Who is preaching to withdraw from Viet Nam—negotiate—appease the Communists in North Viet Nam?

Government control: A \$1.6 billion bill has just been sent through Congress for federal aid to education. If the government pays for our children's education, who controls what they learn? Socialized medicine now has a foot in the door with the recent medicare bill. One more step toward complete government control.

Amorality: what kind of literature is your child required to read? Shakespeare—look again. The Denver Post reports on the sex orgies going on in Selma that are almost unprintable.

Free enterprise: if they do away with bill-boards for the sake of "scenery," they have taken away a man's rights to advertise.

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Race against race: what more is the civil rights movement?

Finally, in God's house most of the churches have a "brotherhood of men"—"interdependence of man on man," but God is forgotten.

I'm sure that no one feels the priests, rabbis and ministers who joined the march in Selma and Montgomery, Ala., and the hapless people who leave their children at home and join in this march are consciously aiding the Communist cause. If they would read before they left their children husbands, wives and congregations, they would see that columnist Joseph Alsop, after having been briefed by Bobby Kennedy last year, reported that Dr. Martin Luther King's own movement was being manipulated by Communists. FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, gave similar testimony on Jan. 29 of last year before executive sessions of the House Appropriations Committee, but words were stricken from transcripts released to the public. Evans and Novak, columnists, reported that revolutionaries and Communists had pressed King into an extremist stand at Selma. It would seem that financial backers of King would be a good place to start wondering.

The people who criticized Mr. Langely's letter, it would seem, missed his point entirely. As he said, everybody has his constitutional rights without harassment. The 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States take care of civil rights. Instead of bloodshed, why can't the Constitution be enforced by the states themselves, instead of, as Life magazine reports, many outsiders from "Yankeeeland" participating? Gang wars, killings, sex orgies—what the other nations in the world must think of the most wonderful country in the world—the United States of America. The civil rights movement, per se, is not for discriminatory reasons, but to pit race against race and to use the minority races to further Communist causes.

If and when the United States goes the way of Czechoslovakia, China, Cuba and the Congo, not only will our own freedom, our lives and our country be lost, but our whole civilization will be destroyed.

The total disarmament program for the United States deadline is 1971 as per Public Document 7277 of the State Department. The Communist deadline for the takeover of the United States is 1973. What are you going to do about it?

RENA EGAN  
Pueblo



Mr. Tolson	_____
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4-21-65

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Pueblo, Colorado 81005

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EXP. PROC.

Martin Luther King

TRUE COPY

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[REDACTED]  
Middleboro, Massachusetts

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of April 23rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to respond to your request.

In connection with these matters, I am enclosing literature which I trust will be of assistance in learning of the true nature of the FBI's role in civil rights matters. Included in this material is a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
[Signature]

Enclosures (5)  
"Our Heritage of Greatness"  
Domestic Intelligence  
12-7-64 & 12-21-64 U. S. News and World Reports  
AG List

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.  
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APRIL 23, 1965

Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR MR. HOOVER:

I FULLY REALIZE YOU ARE A TREMENDOUSLY BUSY MAN, BUT M  
OF YOUR HEAVY WORK SCHEDULE DOES NOT PRECLUDE MY WRITING YOU ON  
WHICH DEEPLY CONCERNS ME. I REFER TO THE CONTEMPORARY CIVIL RI  
AND THE PART PLAYED IN THEM BY MARTIN LUTHER KING.

PERSONALLY, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RESPECT OR ADMIRATION FOR  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT I GUESS THAT SINGLES ME OUT AS THE MINORITY VIEW  
IN THESE CRAZY TIMES OF OURS. ONLY RECENTLY, I WAS HAPPY(AND MORE OR LES  
ALONE) WITH HARRY TRUMAN'S APPRAISAL OF KING.

NOW, OFTENTIMES YOU HAVE BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING: "WE ARE AT WAR  
WITH COMMUNISM, AND THE SOONER EVERY RED-BLOODED AMERICAN REALIZES THIS  
THE BETTER OFF WE'LL BE". I LIKE TO CONSIDER MYSELF AS A "RED-BLOODED  
AMERICAN".

FOR THIS REASON, I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A LETTER DIRECTLY FROM  
YOU REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER YOUR  
DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND HIM TO NOW BE OR TO EVER HAVE BEEN A COMMUNIST. AND  
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LIST OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, REGARDED BY THE FBI  
AS COMMUNIST, TO WHICH KING NOW BELONGS.

A PERSONAL LETTER FROM YOU IS THE ONLY WAY BY WHICH MY FRIEND  
AND ACQUAINTANCES WILL BE CONVINCED THAT THE INFORMATION I GET FROM THE  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD AND OTHER SOURCES IS ACCURATE AND TRUE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY REPLY.

RESPECTFULLY,

ack 4-28-65

dtg 10/10

EX-103

APR 26 1965

MIDDLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

CORRESPONDENCE

# Memorandum

FROM

: SAC, Boston

(Your file 100-35794

DATE: 4-27-65

TO

: Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-106670

Room No. 803-B.B.)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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☐ letter

☒ letterhead memo

☐ submitted

☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted

Reporting employee

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal

☐ Inquiry

☐ Investigation

☐ Prosecution

☐ 5. Submit

☐ airtel  
☐ report

☐ letter

☐ letterhead memo

by

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file)

2/26/85

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109078) (100-106870)  
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (62-1795) (100-14495)

**[REDACTED]** b7(c)  
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

Re IP teletype to Bureau 4/23/85

Martin King

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of LHM regarding captioned matter. Two copies of LHM are being designated for New York and Atlanta. Two copies of LHM have been disseminated locally to U.S. Secret Service. Copies for New York are being designated per Bureau instructions in view of the threat against BERNARD MARUCK.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Indianapolis, Indiana

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 24, 1965

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] South Bend, Indiana, senior student at [REDACTED] High School, South Bend, advised a Special Agent of the FBI on April 23, 1965 that [REDACTED], a senior student at [REDACTED] School, in February or March, 1965, told her privately in American Government class that he believed that he was pre-destined to take over the world in 25 years or so. [REDACTED] stated that if he had the power, he would kill Reverend Martin Luther King, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Bernard Baruch, in this order.

[REDACTED] stated that in conversations she had with [REDACTED] in American Government class during the 1964-1965 school year, [REDACTED] had indicated that he believed all Negroes, Jews, and possibly Catholics should be exterminated. [REDACTED] indicated he felt that anyone who disagreed with him should be exterminated. [REDACTED] when "doodling" in his notebook, constantly draws swastikas. He has stated that both of his parents are of German descent, and he feels that anyone who is not of pure German blood is worth nothing. He has stated that if he marries, he will marry only a girl of pure German descent. He terms the American Government class a "propaganda class".

[REDACTED] stated she believes that [REDACTED] was not joking when he made these statements, but was completely serious.

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] High School, South Bend, advised on April 23, 1965 that [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED], but the place of birth was not shown in the school record. He resides at [REDACTED] South Bend, with his parents, [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] U.S. Secret Service, Indianapolis, Indiana,  
was advised of the above facts at 4:00 PM on April 23, 1965.

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Date: 4/27/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

RE: CIRM  
Bureau file 100-442529  
Atlanta file 100-6670

COMINFIL OF SCLC  
IS-C  
Bureau file 100-438794  
Atlanta file 100-5718

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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 4/23/65 captioned CIRM and Atlanta airtel to the Bureau with LHM dated 4/21/65 captioned CIRM and COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS-C.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, for Birmingham one copy, Mobile one copy and New York four copies of an amended page 2 of referenced Atlanta LHM.

The Bureau and all offices should replace the page 2 with enclosed amended pages.

- 9- Bureau (3-100-438794) (SCLC) (Enc. 12) (RM)  
(3-100-442529) (CIRM)  
(1-100-407018) (Clarence Jones) (1-100-SNCC)  
(1-100-106670) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1- Birmingham (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1- Mobile (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 4- New York (1-100-153735) (Enc. 4) (RM)  
(1-100-149194) (SCLC) (1-100-73250) (Clarence Jones)  
(1-100-Harry Belafonte)
- 8- Atlanta (1-100-5718) (SCLC)  
(1-100-6670) (CIRM)  
(1-100-6670-A)  
(1-100-5586) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)  
(1-157-565) (Dora McDonald)  
(1-157-656) (Ed Clayton)  
(1-100-6488) (SNCC)  
(1-100-6598) (James Forman)

RRN:elt

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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INDIANAPOLIS

URGENT 4-23-65 P W A

TO DIRECTOR 62-109078 , 100-106670 AND ATLANTA 100-5586  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS 62-1795

[REDACTED] THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT.

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[REDACTED] HIGH SCHOOL,  
SOUTH BEND, ADVISED APR. TWENTYTHREE INSTANT THAT SUBJECT IN  
FEB. OR MAR. SIXTYFIVE TOLD HER PRIVATELY IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
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HE WOULD KILL REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, PRES. LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
AND LEONARD BARUCH IN THIS ORDER. [REDACTED] STATED SUBJECT  
BELIEVED ALL NEGROES, JEWS AND POSSIBLY CATHOLICS SHOULD BE  
EXTERMINATED. SHE BELIEVED SUBJECT WAS SERIOUS IN HIS STATEMENTS.

SUBJECT BORN [REDACTED] <sup>PLACE OF BIRTH</sup> NOT KNOWN. RESIDES

[REDACTED] SOUTH BEND. IS SENIOR  
STUDENT [REDACTED] HIGH SCHOOL.

[REDACTED], SECRET SERVICE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 100-106670-  
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ADVISED FOUR PM, APR. TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

COPIES WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY ON THREATS AGAINST THE  
PRESIDENT AND ON MARTIN LUTHER KING TO APPROPRIATE BUREAUS AND  
ATLANTA FILE NUMBERS.

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FM WASH DC

AT...JRM

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

OO: ATLANTA

Remyairtel and LHM 4/15/65. U

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM,  
and for Atlanta 2 copies of a LHM re subject's activities. U

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[REDACTED] b7(D) b7(C) /

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2 - Atlanta (Enc-2) (RM) (100-5586)  
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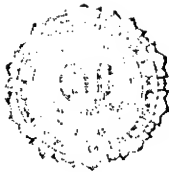
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Special Agent in Charge

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Miami, Florida  
April 20, 1965

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2  
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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] learned that KING left Miami International Airport (MIA) at 9:15 AM on April 17, 1965, via Delta Airlines Flight 834, which goes non-stop to Atlanta, Georgia, arriving at 10:50 AM on the same date. U

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Miami, Florida  
April 20, 1965

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Title	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
SUBJECT MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
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2-21-78 JFB/PA

Enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned and dated as above; two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office.

The source of the information relating to KING's travel to New York was [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

The sources who characterized individuals in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

- b(1)
- 4-Bureau (100-106670) (Encl. 6) (RM)  
(1-100-442529) (CIRM)  
2-Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 2) (RM)  
(1-100-6670) (CIRM)  
1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)  
1-New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)  
1-New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (42)  
1-New York (100-153735) (CIRM) (42)  
1-New York (100-136585) (42)

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SAS [REDACTED] were the Special Agents who observed KING and his associates at Kennedy International Airport.

b7c

On 4/21/65, [REDACTED] reported that ANDREW YOUNG and BAYARD RUSTIN were discussing KING's health and in that regard, YOUNG said his trouble was due to mental fatigue which leads to depression. However, according to YOUNG, KING is much better, but he (YOUNG) was of the opinion that he should take a rest, preferably in some African country. X

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After hearing the news of KING's health, RUSTIN reminded YOUNG of a scheduled meeting with KING, WACHTEL and others for 2:30 p.m., 4/21/65, in KING's hotel room in New York. X

[REDACTED] furnished information on 4/21/65, reporting that HARRY WACHTEL and RUSTIN discussed KING's condition. WACHTEL said KING needed two weeks of complete rest outside the country. He said he also wanted to recommend more drastic medical and psychiatric approach, "not using those words of course". X

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WACHTEL said JONES told him Monday that "this was not the first time. There was a somewhat similar type of breakdown during the Birmingham period."

[REDACTED] furnished information on 4/21/65, indicating that KING's trip to New York had been delayed, since he failed to get on an earlier flight from Atlanta. As a consequence, the source said the meeting scheduled for 2:30 p.m. was cancelled.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a source which has furnished highly sensitive information with regard to racial matters in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof. This classification is deemed absolutely necessary in order to protect the source.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Bu 100-106670

New York, New York  
April 23, 1965

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REASON FOR EXTENSION *2*  
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DATE OF REVIEW FOR  
DECLASSIFICATION *4-23-85*

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

*6076*

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On April 21, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC) and Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC), would arrive at Kennedy International Airport at 4:45 p.m., on April 21, 1965, aboard Eastern Airlines flight 506 from Atlanta, Georgia. *U*

On April 21, 1965, at 5:04 p.m., Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), observed Martin Luther King, Andy Young and Clarence Jones disembarking from Eastern Airlines flight 5:06 p.m., which had arrived at Kennedy International Airport from Atlanta, Georgia. At the plane to meet them were Harry Wachtel and Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the March on Washington, August, 1963). After an exchange of greetings, King, Young, Wachtel and Rustin departed the Airport in a rented Cadillac limousine, which was given a police escort. *U*

"The New York Times," April 22, 1965, page 21, contains an article captioned, "Dr. King Urges Bar Association to Help Abolish Unjust Laws." The article reports on King's *U*

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

speech before a gathering of "New York's leading judges and lawyers," which took place at the headquarters of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street, New York City. The gathering took place on April 21, 1965. U

Speaking before more than 1,500 persons, the article notes, King urged the nation's 260,000 lawyers to do away with unjust laws that are "out of harmony with the moral law of the universe." He then defined an unjust law as "one in which the minority is compelled to observe a code that is not binding on the majority." U

King declared that "these laws forced the people to obey a code that they had no part in making because they were denied the right to vote." U

King told the audience that it was the first time he had addressed a bar association, adding that "legal services accorded to our non-violent armies of today are like plasma to the wounded in military combat." U

"The nation is relaxing its vigilance," King declared, charging that President Johnson's proposal for a stronger voting bill "is in jeopardy of being emasculated." U

With these remarks, the article reports, King said: "But yours is a voice that can be heard, which will be respected. Yours is the ability to sound the alarm to alert the nation to demand a voting bill which redeems the 100 year old dishonored pledge of the 15th Amendment." U

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-2-

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. U

[REDACTED]

b(1)

The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York. U

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto. U

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC. U

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. ✓

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. ✓

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. ✓

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. ✓



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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates. ✓ (u)

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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. U

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: U

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, U  
March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.) U
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" U

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Attached hereto for the Bureau's information is a copy of "The Herald of Freedom" volume 7, Number 5, dated 4/9/65, of which CAPELL is the editor.

It is noted that this edition is devoted exclusively to "The Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.".

A review of this edition discloses a reference to the Director on page 4, column 2, paragraph 1, and to the FBI on the same page and column, paragraph 2.

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## THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929, Rev. King, Jr. was named Michael Luther King, Jr. In 1935 his father, the Rev. Michael Luther King, Sr., changed his first name and that of his son to the one by which he is now known.

Rev. King, Sr., a highly respected Negro Baptist minister, was pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. He had married Alberta Williams, the daughter of a minister. She was a well educated, refined girl of a fine religious family.

Rev. King, Sr. had a very large congregation in Atlanta, and was influential in the Atlanta community. He enjoyed a good income, was respected by white and colored alike, and, while always seeking to better the living conditions and opportunities of the Negro community, he always abided by the law and never became involved in agitation movements; nor would he allow himself to be swayed by "carpet-baggers."

King, Jr. was raised in a home where he had every comfort and security. He had the advantage of a devoutly religious family and seemed destined to follow in his father's footsteps, until he met up with other influences in college. In 1944 Martin Luther King, Jr. entered Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he remained until he obtained his A. B. Degree in 1948. While there, he came under the influence of the President of the College, Benjamin E. Mays. Mays had already been affiliated with communist fronts.

He had supported Harry Bridges, had favored commissioning communists in the armed forces. While King was at Morehouse College, Mays became so interested in the communists that he lent his name on April 21, 1947 as a Negro leader in defense of the Communist Party. In the book, "Thirteen for Christ," a chapter on King was written by John Howard Griffin, author of "Black Like Me," in which we read (Pages 33-34 of "Thirteen for Christ"), "A strongly athletic, physically robust, life loving youth, he evi-

denced no obvious vocation for the ministry, but his concern for racial and economic justice was already substantial. Under the stimulus of such thinkers as Dr. Benjamin Mays and Dr. Samuel Williams it became far more profound." Dr. Mays by 1962 had piled up thirty-five affiliations with communist fronts and an important connection with the National Council of Churches.

In 1948 Martin Luther King, Jr. entered Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., and in 1951 received his Bachelor's Degree in Divinity and the Pearl Plafkner Award for Scholarship. While there he admittedly was influenced by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, who preached there. Dr. Johnson was a great admirer of Mahatma Gandhi; and King, Jr. absorbed Dr. Johnson's eulogies of Gandhi. Dr. Johnson had already been active in many communist fronts and was an ardent believer in permitting communists to be officers in the armed forces.

King, Jr. then continued on in college at Boston University, as a Louis Crozier Fellow, obtaining his Ph. D. in 1955. He was also a special student at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University. Then as now, there was a shortage of qualified ordained ministers in the United States, and this is especially true in the South. In order to help overcome this shortage, several Bible Schools and Seminaries have made available three-year courses in order to get more ministers, evangelists and preachers into the field. In spite of the need of the people for ministers, King stayed in school for twenty-one years, ten of those years in colleges.

On June 17, 1953, Martin Luther King, Jr. married Miss Coretta Scott, a beautiful and talented young lady from Marion, Alabama. They had met and dated when she was a student at the New England Conservatory of Music. In 1954 King was offered the pastorate of two Baptist churches in the East and teaching posts in

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three colleges. He chose the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. King and his wife had four children, one of them a son carrying on the now traditional name of Martin Luther King III.

After becoming established in his church, King founded the Montgomery Improvement Association and led a successful bus boycott. In 1956 TIME Magazine selected Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of the "outstanding personalities of 1956." On April 24, 1957 King accepted the 1957 Social Justice Award from the National Religion and Labor Foundation. This is the organization which published the blasphemous drawing of Jesus Christ as a "Criminal Wanted for Sedition." The National Religion and Labor Foundation had been exposed and cited as a communist front in 1944, thirteen years before King accepted their award, by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the 78th Congress.

That same year, on September 2, 1957, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a featured speaker for the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary Celebration. The Commission on Education of the State of Georgia cited the Highlander Folk School (after a full investigation) as being a "Communist Training School."

In March of 1957 King started the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" with himself as President, the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth as Secretary, and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy as Treasurer. All three have piled up an unenviable record of affiliation with pro-communist organizations and communist fronts. In the Congressional Record, October 21, 1963, Page A-6552, the Hon. J. D. Waggoner listed the communist-fronters in the NAACP, after which he stated, "I would like to add to that list 'Reverend' Fred Lee Shuttlesworth, convicted bootlegger and head of the communist front Southern Conference Educational Fund."

After 1957 Martin Luther King, Jr. became a national celebrity, getting tremendous publicity, often by arranging to get himself arrested and for a short time failing to post bond. The liberal press built him up into the hero of the oppressed colored masses in America. The following quotation from a communist document indicates his importance in the Struggle for Negro Rights.

From the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Appendix to Hearings dated June 10, 1960, Part IV, Pages 2338-2349, we quote the following copy of an official Communist Party document entitled "Draft Resolution October 25,

1957 by Pettit Perry. "... To rally the masses against imperialism we need also slogans that correctly express the nature of today's struggle for Negro rights. ... The right of Negroes to be the administrators of Civil Rights laws, interpreters of their provisions and enforcers and judges of violations, must be recognized. One of the movements that developed and shook the world in the field of Negro liberation. ... is the Martin Luther King Improvement Association. This movement inspired Negroes of other cities to conduct similar struggles. So powerful was this movement, that the young Martin Luther King emerged five years ago from an obscure clergyman to prominence as an international figure. King, Abernathy, Shuttlesworth and other prominent ministers in the South are the most authorized spokesmen for this movement.

Martin Luther King, Jr. selected as his secretary at the Southern Leadership Conference Bayard Rustin, who worked in this capacity from March, 1957 until 1960. Rustin had already been convicted of and served a jail sentence for sex perversion and had also served more than two years in a federal prison rather than serve in the armed forces of our country. Rustin (who had been active in the Young Communist League) while working as King's secretary, attended the 1957 Convention of the Communist Party USA as an "observer." Other observers noted that Rustin was influencing King and that Rustin was in "good standing" with the highest echelons of the Communist Party.

In 1960, when Bayard Rustin moved on to bigger things, the communist influence in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference continued through King's hiring of a man who called himself Jack H. O'Dell, but was also known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell. King made O'Dell Educational Director for Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. O'Dell had been expelled from the National Maritime Union for communist activities. He was the Southern District Organizer for the Communist Party USA and operated out of Party Headquarters in New Orleans. He took the Fifth Amendment regarding his Communist Party membership and activities in Hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. O'Dell, who became a close adviser and planner for Martin Luther King, Jr., was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party USA. (These facts were revealed by the St. Louis GLOBE DEMOCRAT October 26, 1962.)

The same newspaper on January 12, 1964

...Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, at a meeting, "The Communist Party is now moving strongly in the direction of communism. . . The Communist Party will run the United States eventually." In response to a question, Hall stated the Communist Party leaders in the United States "consult with and advise top Negro leaders in their Civil Rights campaigns. . . Members of the Communist Party are very active in all the Negro organizations engaged in the Civil Rights struggle." Joseph Alsop, liberal columnist, warned in the N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, "The subject of real head-shaking is the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. His influence is very great. Yet he has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting communist collaboration and even communist advice."

Martin Luther King, Jr. became a "joiner" in order to gather new supporters from any possible source. He became a member of NAACP and CORE. He was Editor at Large for the CHRISTIAN CENTURY, a far-left publication exposed by the Church League of America in 1959. He became a member of the National Advisory Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation of Nyack, N. Y. This is the group Bayard Rustin was working for when he was jailed for his sex deviations. Rustin was "Race Relations Director" for the organization.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a featured speaker for the War Resisters League of New York City which organization employed Bayard Rustin as National Secretary. Rustin had the honor of first introducing King to Kwame Nkrumah, communist dictator of Ghana. For several years King had been a member of the National Committee of the American Committee on Africa which sponsored a U. S. tour for communist Holden Roberto who admits that his communist followers, operating from the Congo, have raided villages in Angola and are responsible for the accompanying rapes, tortures, murders and mutilations. In fact, he says these things are necessary to accomplish his purpose.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an admirer of the now cited Southern Conference Educational Fund of which identified communist Carl Braden was Field Secretary. When Braden was convicted of contempt of Congress King initiated a petition to Pres. Kennedy asking for clemency for him and solicited signers for the petition. In 1963 Rev. Shuttlesworth, King's close associate and secretary of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference, became president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, active in twelve states, based in New Orleans. Shuttlesworth, the moonshiner and pro-communist, had become Pastor

of the Revelation Baptist Church at 1556 John Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Martin Luther King, Jr. became a member of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and signed numerous petitions for them, calling for suspension of nuclear weapons testing. On May 14, 1961 King signed a petition to President Kennedy denouncing the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee. Earlier that year (January) he had signed petitions to Congress to abolish the H. C. U. A. One of these petitions appeared as an advertisement in the communist propaganda newspaper, THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN, on January 16, 1961.

King's close relationship to the communist front, the Southern Conference Educational Fund was brought to light when their offices were raided by the New Orleans police and their files seized. Hearings held and reports issued by the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities showed the tie-in of Martin Luther King, Jr. and this communist front. In Report #4, issued November 19, 1961, Page 100, there is a photograph of King with three officers of S. C. E. F., all of whom are identified communists. On Page 101, Exhibit #44 is a check payable to Martin Luther King, Jr. personally and deposited by him in his S. C. L. C. Fund. Many other letters appear in these reports which show the close working agreement in the operation of King's S. C. L. C. and the New Orleans headquarters of the communist-front, S. C. E. F.

The communist paper, THE WORKER, on October 21, 1961 reported, "Rev. King Urges UN Admit People's China. . . The Rev. Martin Luther King favors admission of People's China to the UN, he said last week. Addressing a Freedom Forum in Schenectady, N. Y., the Rev. King declared he could not understand why the U. S. 'objects to the admission of numerically the largest nation in the world without whose agreement there can be no peace.'"

On December 14, 1962, Rev. King, Jr. visited and had a conference with communist Ben Bella in a Harlem (New York City) hotel. In May, 1963, the highly respected INTELLIGENCE DIGEST AND WEEKLY REVIEW of England stated, "Two American Negro agitators were recently arrested in Birmingham, Alabama. Their names are Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy. These two men are expert professional riot-makers. They have been in contact with advisors in direct links with the Soviet Secret Service and extremist



African groups operating in Europe."

Martin Luther King's rabble-rousing (peaceful type, that is) in Birmingham in 1963 was supported loudly by the American communists and sympathizers. Negro author, James Baldwin, spoke in San Francisco in support of King. Addressing a large group at the Masonic Auditorium, he stated, "If I find myself castrated on the streets of Birmingham, which is not improbable, and the FBI moves in, which is extremely improbable, it could turn out that the person investigating the crime is the same person who committed it." (THE WORKER, 5/14/63) A rally was held under the auspices of the "Emergency Committee to Support Birmingham" (239 West 125 St., N. Y. C.) to support King and his efforts in Birmingham. The principal speaker was Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. Among the other speakers were James Farmer of CORE and the late Malcolm X. (THE WORKER, 5/14/63)

When the Birmingham, Alabama, disorders occurred as a result of King's (non-violent) efforts, the communist WORKER stated, "Gus Hall, head of the Communist Party USA, branded the effort of Governor George Wallace of Alabama to pin violence and disorder on the communists as a crude diversion and typical trickery of the ultra-right to cover their vile deeds by anti-communism. 'His threat to call in the HCUA only demonstrates his collaboration with the Dixiecrat hoodlums.'" (5/14/63)

Speakers at rallies in support of King and his activities included Dr. Herbert Aptheker (member of the National Committee of the Communist Party USA), Mrs. Alva Buxenbaum (National Chairman of the communist Progressive Youth Organization), Elizabeth Gurley Flynn (late Secretary of the Communist Party USA). Dr. Ralph Bunche, Undersecretary of the UN, who has a long history of affiliation with communist fronts, sent a telegram to King "lauding" the Negroes of Birmingham and congratulating Rev. King, Jr., Rev. Shuttlesworth and Rev. Abernathy.

These Birmingham activities catapulted King into the big-time and were but rehearsals for the bigger events to come in Selma and the March for "Voter Registration." These events and the accompanying violence (caused by non-violent King) are prominent in the news of the day.

When the Northern Christian Leadership Conference, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, disbanded, Rev. C. W. Billingslea (Pres.) sent King a telegram in which he urged him to "reenter the pulpit and teach more of Christ and less of Gandhi." No finer advice can

be given to this "mewing pacifist parson" than to go back to the pulpit, and abide by the teachings of Jesus Christ. When J. Edgar Hoover called him a "notorious liar" he was speaking the truth, a practice suggested for the Rev. Dr. King upon his return to the pulpit. Rev. King's honesty in financial matters did not stand up in an investigation conducted by tax auditors in Alabama in 1961, which disclosed that King had "failed to report" almost fifty percent of his income for the year 1956. He was forced to pay the additional taxes due and narrowly escaped jail as a tax-dodger.

Karl Prussion, who was a counter-spy for the FBI for thirteen years, made a sworn statement September 28, 1963, from which we quote in part, "I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over sixty communist fronts, individuals and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse communist causes. One Louisiana authority who reviewed the material seized at the headquarters of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. in New Orleans, La., came to the considered opinion that Martin Luther King, Jr. is under the discipline of the Communist Party.

Why must honest sincere Negroes allow such a man to lead them into violence and law breaking? King himself admitted that the Voter Registration Drive, even if one hundred percent successful, will not solve the Negroes' problems. What it will do, however, is provide more people to be manipulated by him and his co-plotters, which is what he really wants. King wants power for himself, not rights for the Negro.

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NOTE:

The Boston Office has advised that 25,000 persons are  
to be led by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., of the SCLC on 4/23/65  
from the Carter Playground in Massachusetts to the Boston Common.  
At the Common a fund raising rally is to held where an additional  
25,000 are expected to join the marchers. The march and the rally  
are being sponsored by SCLC.

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Re Boston teletype 4/20/65 entitled, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C, OO: ATLANTA."

In connection with the Boston appearance of KING, there is submitted herewith self-explanatory letterhead memorandum concerning alleged threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING telephonically received at NAACP headquarters, Boston, Mass.

Copies of instant memorandum have been disseminated locally to the 108th INTC, U. S. Army Base, Boston, and to Secret Service at Boston, Mass.

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On April 20, 1965, at 4:20 P.M., an individual telephonically contacted the Boston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and identified himself as Lowell Dyett, the Community Coordinator for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He stated that the NAACP had on that date received at their Boston office several telephone calls threatening bodily harm to Martin Luther King from unidentified persons. He was advised that the appropriate authorities would be immediately notified.

[REDACTED] Boston, Massachusetts, Police Department, and [REDACTED] Massachusetts State Police, Logan Airport, Boston, Massachusetts, were immediately notified. They both advised that precautions were being taken in connection with the visit to Boston of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 22-23, 1965. The 108th Intelligence Corps Group, Boston, Massachusetts, was also notified. b7(c)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (P)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SM - C

OO: Atlanta

Re Atlanta teletypes dated 4/7 and 9/65, and  
Miami teletype to Bureau and Atlanta dated 4/14/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and  
for Atlanta and New York, two copies each of a letterhead  
memorandum on subject's activities in Miami.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (protect by request) who furnished the information to SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b7  
[REDACTED] (protect by request), who furnished information to

SA [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] b7(c)

That material set out in the letterhead memorandum  
is being filed in subject's case file here.

[REDACTED] b(1)  
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SAS [REDACTED] b7(c)

who were at the Miami International Airport Hotel on an  
unrelated investigation, observed KING and associate board  
Pan American World Airways Flight 403, on April 14, 1965.

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED]  
Miami will remain alert for any information  
from established sources re KING's future activities.



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Miami, Florida  
April 15, 1965

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Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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[REDACTED] *b7(D)*

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[REDACTED] *b7(D)*

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King and associate were observed departing  
Miami International Airport at 9.00 a.m.



Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

403. This flight was due to arrive in Nassau, Bahamas  
at 9:40 a.m. on the same date.

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Miami, Florida  
April 14, 1965

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Character SECURITY MATTERS - C

Reference is made to memorandum dated  
and captioned as above at  
Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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4/27/65

1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Mr. Donohue

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To: SACs Miami (100-15079) **EX 109**  
Atlanta (100-5586)  
San Francisco

From: Director, FBI (100-106670) **REC-46**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Re Miami airtel 4/22/65, copies to Atlanta and San Francisco, which reported information obtained from a resident of West Palm Beach, Florida. [redacted] advised that a priest, whose identity he did not desire to reveal, sent him a letter and affidavit signed by Karl Prussian. In the affidavit Prussian claims to have been a "former counterspy for the FBI" and that when Prussian attended CP meetings during the period 1954-59, one of the persons in attendance was Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted] advised that he was attempting to verify Prussian's former position as an informant for the FBI. [redacted] refused to furnish any further information and would not permit the interviewing Agent to examine the affidavit. [redacted] was advised concerning the confidential nature of FBI files. **b7(c)**

Miami noted that its files were negative concerning Prussian and stated that if each recipient of reairtel was not already aware of the existence of this affidavit, San Francisco may desire to make inquiry regarding the present location of Prussian in order that he may be interviewed regarding the alleged presence of King at Party meetings.

For the information of Miami, Prussian is a former Bureau informant who executed an affidavit dated 9/28/63 in which he made certain allegations concerning King. Copies of this affidavit have

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Airtel to Miami, Atlanta and San Francisco  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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received wide circulation, many times by right-wing extremists. The affidavit does not allege King's presence at Party meetings. It does, however, state that at the Party meetings which Prussian attended "one Reverend Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom communists should look and rally around in the communist struggle on the many racial issues." Because the Bureau is fully informed concerning Prussian and the affidavit in question, it will be unnecessary for any of the receiving offices to take action based upon reairtel. Any further contacts which [REDACTED] may make with the Miami Office should be handled in the same manner as was the initial contact in the event he seeks any information from Bureau files. [REDACTED] should be dealt with most circumspectly in view of his demonstrated failure to completely cooperate by not permitting the affidavit in question to be examined by interviewing Agent. b7(c)

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Date: 4/22/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (RUC)

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For information Bureau, Atlanta and San Francisco  
on 4/22/65, [REDACTED] West Palm Beach,  
Florida, advised SA [REDACTED] of the following  
information:

He had just received from a priest friend in another  
state, whose identity he did not wish to reveal, a letter  
enclosing an affidavit. This affidavit was signed by KARL PRUSSIAN  
before Notary GEORGE E. SURLES. The place executed was not  
shown on the affidavit, but it was dated 9/28/63. In this  
affidavit PRUSSIAN stated he was a "former counterspy for  
the FBI" during the years 1947 - 1960, and from 1954 to 1958  
attended CP meetings in Santa Clara County, California. One  
of the persons in attendance at these CP meetings was MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] advised he was attempting to verify  
PRUSSIAN's position as an informant for the FBI as set

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Approved: *[Signature]*

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forth in the affidavit before using this information concerning KING. He refused to furnish any further information and would not permit the affidavit to be examined. He was advised all information concerning CP obtained by the FBI was confidential and could not be furnished to him.

He stated he intends to write to the Department of Justice inquiring concerning the affidavit and PRUSSIAN.

Miami files negative regarding KARL PRUSSIAN.

If Atlanta, San Francisco and Bureau not already aware existence this affidavit, San Francisco may desire to make inquiry regarding present location of PRUSSIAN in order that he may be interviewed regarding the presence of subject at mentioned CP meetings.

San Francisco advise Bureau concerning the identity of PRUSSIAN if Bureau not already advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-722)(C)

aka:

THREAT TO KILL MARTIN  
LUTHER KING 3/24/65  
RACIAL MATTERS

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airtel to Bureau, 3/26/65, 100-106670-1126

There are enclosed for the Bureau 8 copies, for  
Atlanta, Mobile, and New York 4 copies each, and for Jackson  
2 copies of LHM. Extra copies are being furnished Atlanta,  
Mobile, and New York for appropriate dissemination to military  
intelligence and Secret Service. These offices should also  
furnish appropriate local authorities pertinent developments  
where these offices were furnished previous information  
concerning this matter. Two copies enclosed for Jackson  
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- 1 - copy LHM to: Mr. John D. Lathem  
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On each R/S the following sentence was typed: This is in reference to  
Bureau LHM dated 3/26/65 at  
Charlotte, North Carolina.



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[REDACTED] voluntarily furnished an FD-368 for interview at the Durham RA 3/30/65, which is being retained in the Charlotte file.

Inasmuch as investigation at Durham, N.C., clearly substantiates the information originally furnished in this matter by [REDACTED] 3/24/65, and reflects [REDACTED] is an alcoholic of long standing who has departed from Durham to seek treatment, no further action is contemplated by the Charlotte Division to interview this individual, UACB.

It is noted that during his original interview on 3/23/65, [REDACTED] stated he had no intention of harming JAMES FARMER or MARTIN LUTHER KING. It was further noted that during this interview [REDACTED] was in possession of a quart bottle of wine from which a large percentage was gone.

Copies being disseminated to military intelligence agencies and Secret Service locally.

Local authorities, Durham and Charlotte, N.C., will be advised as to [REDACTED] present location and developments.



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Charlotte, North Carolina

April 2, 1965

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THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING  
MARCH 24, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 30, 1965, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Durham, North Carolina, voluntarily came to the Durham  
Resident Agency of the FBI for interview. At the commencement  
of the interview, he was advised he was not required to  
furnish any information but that any information he did  
furnish might be used against him in court. He was also  
advised of his right to counsel by an attorney of his own  
choice or anyone else prior to furnishing any information  
whatever.

[REDACTED] reiterated that he was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] About 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 23,  
1965, he received a telephone call at his home from an  
individual identifying himself as [REDACTED]. This caller told  
[REDACTED] he had been referred to [REDACTED] by an [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The caller then went on to  
say he was en route to Alabama and asked if he could get any  
support from [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. He said he was  
going "looking" for MARTIN LUTHER KING as he did not like him.

[REDACTED] said he asked the caller if he was seeking  
to incorporate [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in a conspiracy  
to harm MARTIN LUTHER KING. The caller said he was not seeking  
assistance from [REDACTED] to get to Alabama but  
wondered if [REDACTED] would back him up if he were  
caught. [REDACTED] said he told the caller that neither [REDACTED]  
nor [REDACTED] would help him. He added, however, that  
perhaps other people might come to the caller's assistance. He  
said he did not identify anyone who might come to the caller's  
assistance but explained that he meant should the caller actually  
harm MARTIN LUTHER KING there were probably people around who  
would, in fact, come to his financial aid.

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[redacted] said the caller then continued to talk as if he might be mentally upset, indicating he hated MARTIN LUTHER KING and all his assistants. The caller went on to say he was going to Alabama and "bust" him wide open. The caller continued he had served about twenty-five years in jail and was not afraid to go back.

The caller then indicated he desired to meet with [redacted]. He indicated that even though [redacted] would not agree to support him, he still had other things to speak to him about. [redacted] said he could think of no other way to get rid of the caller so he agreed to meet the caller at 10 a.m., [redacted] 1965, at [redacted].

[redacted] stated at the time he made this appointment he had no intention whatever of keeping it but did so only to get rid of the caller.

[redacted] stated on [redacted] 1965, he had not gone to [redacted] and had not met [redacted]. [redacted] said he had discussed the matter with [redacted].

[redacted] and [redacted] had recommended that [redacted] furnish the information to the FBI. Furthermore, about 2 p.m. on [redacted] 1965, [redacted] saw [redacted] who told [redacted] that a gray haired man had been in the [redacted] on [redacted] near [redacted] about 10:30 a.m. that day looking for [redacted]. This man said [redacted] had an appointment with him but had failed to appear.

[redacted] told [redacted] this person seemed to be "off his rocker."

[redacted] emphasized he had never seen nor met [redacted] in person. His only contact was the one telephone call above described. During this conversation, [redacted] had never mentioned any money and [redacted] categorically denied ever giving [redacted] any money whatever or reason to believe he would receive any from him.

[REDACTED] said his personal position was that he would regret and resent anyone killing MARTIN LUTHER KING as he had no desire to make a martyr of KING.

[REDACTED] advised he owned a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED]. He did not have or operate a [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] further advised he was not a normal customer of [REDACTED] and he was not acquainted with the operators of this establishment. He admitted that he had on one occasion stopped at this establishment for a cup of coffee with [REDACTED] however, he had not been at this establishment on [REDACTED] 1965.

The following physical description of [REDACTED] was obtained by interview and observation:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[REDACTED] North Carolina
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Education	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED] 1965, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Durham,  
North Carolina, stated that on [REDACTED] 1965, [REDACTED]  
told him of receiving a telephone call at his home on  
[REDACTED] 1965, from an individual identifying himself as  
[REDACTED] who had spoken to [REDACTED] of seeking help to go  
to Alabama to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] said he  
had suggested that [REDACTED] furnish this information  
immediately to the FBI.

[REDACTED] said he felt the caller had been drunk  
and was trying to raise money for additional drinking.  
[REDACTED] denied any acquaintance with [REDACTED]

On [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised he had an  
acquaintance with [REDACTED]. He recalled that on  
about [REDACTED] 1965, about 6:30 p.m., [REDACTED] was at the  
[REDACTED] drinking beer and "pretty high." [REDACTED] started  
speaking about the Ku Klux Klan and wanted to know how to get  
in touch with this organization: [REDACTED] said he would like to  
meet the leader of this group and was told the leader resided  
in [REDACTED] North Carolina. [REDACTED] then went on to say  
he would not mind going to Alabama to kill MARTIN LUTHER  
KING.

Also engaging in this conversation was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] When [REDACTED] left  
[REDACTED] walked out behind him and then  
talked with him briefly. [REDACTED] then returned to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and stayed for about fifteen minutes. [REDACTED] left  
when [REDACTED] refused to serve him any more beer. [REDACTED] said  
he had not seen [REDACTED] since that time.

On [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised he  
had worked at [REDACTED] 1965, and

[REDACTED], 1965. He had no recollection of anyone fitting the physical description of either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] coming to [REDACTED] 1965. Specifically, he had no recollection of anyone making any inquiry about meeting [REDACTED] that morning.

[REDACTED] stated he was acquainted with neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED].

On [REDACTED], [REDACTED] advised his brother had left Durham about [REDACTED] 1965, to seek treatment for acute alcoholism. He did not know where his brother had gone to find this treatment.

On [REDACTED], [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had departed from Durham about Thursday morning, [REDACTED] 1965. He indicated he was going by bus to the vicinity of Charlotte, North Carolina, to seek treatment at some kind of college for alcoholics. [REDACTED] advised his uncle had been drunk for approximately six weeks. He added so far as he knew his uncle was not in possession of any firearms.

On [REDACTED], [REDACTED] advised her brother had been drinking heavily for the past two months. He left Durham [REDACTED] 1965, to go by bus to an alcoholic center near Charlotte, North Carolina, where he had received treatment approximately three times previously. She understood this treatment would last for sixty days. She noted [REDACTED] had been broke and she had given him the money for a bus ticket.

So far as [REDACTED] knew [REDACTED] had never made any threats against the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING or anyone else. She said in her opinion [REDACTED] did not own any firearms.

On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised her records reflected that [REDACTED] 1965 [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] had recently returned to Durham from Charlotte where he had been employed in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was drinking excessively and she sought assistance.

[REDACTED] advised her files further reflected that during [REDACTED] 1964 [REDACTED] had personally come to [REDACTED] and sought admission to the [REDACTED] Her records further reflected he had, in fact, gone to this [REDACTED] 1964, and completed the course there. b7(c)

[REDACTED] SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AS HE HAS ADMITTED POSSESSION OF A PISTOL AND IN VIEW OF HIS PAST RECORD. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING POSSIBLE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES IN VIEW OF HIS REPORTED ATTEMPTED SUICIDE [REDACTED]

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